

The following text was sent to the SLD and after 3 months review I received a letter dated May 11, 2004 indicating that SLD was not authorized to grant waivers. I would like for the FCC to grant the waiver and allow the Walnut Community School District to submit the Form 471 for the fiscal year 2004-2005. As indicated below, the response time for many of these programs seems to be extensive and not conducive to fast turn-arounds.

"I am appealing the Form 471 Certification Rejection Letter sent on 2/5/04 and received on 2/7/04.

The form was submitted by myself for the Walnut Community School District and received by the SLD on 1/21/04 as verified by certified mail.

Authorized Person:	Vernon Booth
Billed Entity	Walnut Community School
471 Application No.	402680
Applicant's Form No.	1324427-04
Fund Year	2004 (July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005)

The explanation for rejection is "The signature in Block 6, Item 34, of the Form 471 Certification submitted is blank."

Yes, it was stupid of me to send the form without signing it. However, I believe that it was sent in sufficient time to have been reviewed by SLD and a simple phone call (why do we give this information on the form if it is not relevant?) or fax would have alerted me to have sent or faxed an updated sheet with my signature on it, and the problem could have been resolved then; and the \$7.90 that was spent to return it could have been saved.

As the entire form has been returned, I would like your consideration on being able to resubmit it for this funding year. In the present time of reduced allocations from the State of Iowa, this reduction in service cost is a great benefit to the Walnut School District.

Thank You,  
Vernon Booth  
Walnut Community School District  
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